# State of South Carolina State Ethics Commission

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MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
OPEN SESSION
July 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by Chairman Childs C. Thrasher at the State Ethics Commission's Hearing Room located at 201 Executive Center Drive, Suite 150, Columbia, South Carolina. Present were Vice Chairman Donald Gist, Commissioners Brian M. Barnwell and Donald H. Jackson. Other members present via Zoom were Commissioners Scott E. Frick, AJ Holloway, and Brandolyn T. Pinkston.

<u>Staff present</u>: Meghan L. Walker, Ami R. Franklin, Ryanne Caldwell, James T. Bagnall, Kevin Hinson, Reggie J. Gaymon, Courtney M. Laster, Richard Provencher, and Deaven Linen were in attendance. Karen A. Wiggins joined via Zoom call.

Others present: Avery Wilks.

Chairman Thrasher declared a quorum present. Director Walker noted for the record that the news media was duly notified, and the Commission was in compliance with FOIA.

## **MINUTES**

Chairman Thrasher called for any discussion or approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Holloway, to accept the minutes. Chairman Thrasher asked for any discussion or opposition. There being none, the motion carried with no opposition to approve the Open Session Minutes and the Executive Session Minutes from the March 18, 2021 and May 20,2021 Commission meetings. The motion carried unanimously with a 7 - 0 vote.

# **OFFICE OPERATIONS**

Director Walker directed everyone to their yellow folders to review the Budget, Compliance Report, and Pending and Paid Orders. Director Walker then asked if there were any problems for discussion. There were none.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vice Chairman Gist, seconded by Commissioner Barnwell, to go into Executive Session. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

# **RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon return from Executive Session, Chairman Thrasher asked for any new business. There was none.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Thrasher asked for further discussion or a motion to adjourn. There being no further discussion, Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Gist, to adjourn at 11:25 a.m. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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